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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 261

4 March 1958

1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Mr. Richard F. S. Starr	State
Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
Cdr. J. A. Baldrige	Navy
LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
Lt. Donald P. Harvey	Navy
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
	CIA (Chapter I Coordinator)
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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The chairman announced the appointment of Lt. Donald P. Harvey, USN (Room 5D713 - Extension 76180) as the Navy Alternate NIS Committee member effective 3 March 1958, vice LCdr. H. W. Holschuh.

2. Final Review of the NIS Annual on Poland

The Chapter I Coordinator reported that Section 11 of the pilot NIS Annual on Poland had been revised to include significant economic and military changes in compliance with Committee requirements (refer to Item 2 NCM 260), and necessary changes in the other sections of the Annual had been worked out directly with the several contributing agencies. He considered that the present draft satisfied the general requirements for interim maintenance on Chapter I on Poland and should be published. It was not, however, as well balanced nor as closely tied into the related portions of Chapter I as ultimately desired for these Annuals. He also thought that somewhat less detail would better serve the purpose and would require less contributor effort.

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The Committee approved the Annual on Poland, but temporarily deferred its publication until the Annual on India has been produced. The Committee re-affirmed its position that Chapters I required interim maintenance, but the service members questioned whether their agencies' capabilities would permit this to be done on an annual basis for all Chapters I.

The chairman noted that the high level use of Chapters I placed a heavy responsibility on the Committee to ensure they were adequately maintained. The concept of the NIS Annual was developed to minimize interim maintenance effort by revising only the necessary portions of a Chapter I in lieu of a complete formal revision of the entire chapter. This concept requires that every published Chapter I be reviewed on approximately an annual basis to determine whether or not there have been fundamental changes in the situation which require interim maintenance by the issuance of Annuals to the extent of agency capabilities. This concept assures the user that most Chapters I will be kept reasonably up to date and that no Chapter I will become seriously out of date. Because of the age of our earlier Chapters I, the initial effort to produce an average Annual will be considerably greater than will later revisions. In consequence, the number of Annuals which can be scheduled for the first year or two will be less than for subsequent years. To reflect contributor effort, a reasonable section credit will be assigned to the production of NIS Annuals under the maintenance program.

3. Iraq-Jordan Federation

The Iraq-Jordan Federation occurs at a time when the Chapter I on Iraq is produced and awaiting Committee review, and the Chapter I on Jordan is nearing completion. In consideration of this situation, the Committee decided to continue with separate NIS on each of the countries in view of Article 2 of the Federation agreement which stipulates that the two states will preserve their independent existence and sovereignty over their own territories and retain the existing regimes; to add a footnote to Section 11 of Chapter I on Iraq outlining the general terms of the Iraq-Jordan agreement; and to proceed with the production of Chapter I on Jordan, subject to review of the situation by the Committee on or about 15 May 1958 when the new Federation constitution should have been enacted.

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4. Changes in NIS Production Schedule

The Committee approved the following changes in the current production schedule:

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a. Rescheduling Section 81 (Ground Forces) on Czechoslovakia, USSR, [REDACTED] to July 1958, and [REDACTED] to August 1958, in accordance with Army memorandum dated 3 March 1958. In approving this action the Committee noted that a total of eleven Sections 81 remains on the current schedule.

b. Rescheduling Section 81 (Ground Forces) on Pakistan to June 1958 in order to include new information, in accordance with Army memorandum dated 27 February 1958.

5. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 18 March 1958.

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